

A. Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11 line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 3, an important aspect of the invention is that initially the graphical user interface 300 displayed at each node 102, 106, 112 includes a transmittal form such as Web page 302 that provides a quickly understandable map containing each of the components of the network training laboratory 160. State and other relevant information (e.g., IP addresses, proxy servers, MAC, and the similar information), especially for routers and servers, may be provided on the Web page 302 to allow students to understand the interrelationship between each of the components in the network training laboratory 160. Additionally, the graphical user interface 300 is more user-friendly because it hides the complexities of any Internet Protocol (IP) addressing involved in the remote use of the laboratory 160 and overcome by the invention, rather than requiring the user to type in multiple IP addresses for each device. Specifically, ease of use is enhanced by allowing users to merely select (by operating a mouse or other input device associated with their node 102, 106, 112) an icon 304 or image map using GUI control on Web page 302 associated with a particular component to be linked to a control screen or management page (e.g., a window communicating the selected devices interface, such as a text dialog box for a router, overlying a portion or all of the Web page 302). In FIG. 3, a Web page 302 is illustrated having a mapping of IT equipment for the embodiment of the network training laboratory 160 shown in FIG. 2 with the components of the network training laboratory 160 shown as icons 304.